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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA'S INTEREST IN AMERICAN-  
TYPE HOSPITAL IN TUNISIA

REF: STATE 214723

1. TODAY, OCT 9, I REVIEWED WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH MZALI  
STATE OF PLAY CONCERNING PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA'S REQUEST FOR  
USG ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING MODERN AMERICAN HOSPITAL IN  
TUNISIA. I REFERRED TO AMBASSADOR HEDDA'S MEETINGS WITH  
AID ADMINISTRATOR PARKER, MY DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT  
BOURGUIBA, STUDY MADE BY EMBASSY AD HOC COMMITTEE, AND OFFER  
OF ASSISTANCE BY DR. WALSH OF PROJECT HOPE. I SAID THAT  
DEPARTMENT AID AND HAD CAREFULLY EXAMINED WAYS IN WHICH AN  
AMERICAN-TYPE MEDICAL FACILITY MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED IN  
TUNISIA. I NOTED THAT MR. PARKER HAD INFORMED AMBASSADOR  
HEDDA IN THEIR MEETING OF SEPT 5 THAT A MEDICAL TEAM WOULD  
BE SENT TO TUNISIA TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS. I NOW HAD  
INSTRUCTIONS TO INFORM THE MINISTER THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF  
STATE AND AID HAVE CONCLUDED THAT PROJECT HOPE HAS THE BEST  
AVAILABLE PERSONNEL TO MAKE SUCH A STUDY IN COOPERATION  
WITH GOT. WE ARE PREPARED TO ASK DR. WALSH TO FIELD A TEAM  
OF MEDICAL EXPERTS TO STUDY HOW AN AMERICAN-STYLE MEDICAL  
FACILITY COULD BE ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED AT COST AND  
SCALE APPROPRIATELY MATCHED TO TUNISIAN CAPABILITIES AND  
FINANCIAL RESOURCES. AMBASSADOR HEDDA WOULD BE INFORMED  
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THAT THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE TEAM OF PUBLIC EXPERTS DISCUSSED

BY ADMINISTRATOR PARKER.

2. MZALI SAID WITHOUT HESITATION THAT GOT WOULD WELCOME SUCH A TEAM. HE SAID THAT GOT HAD DECIDED TO USE THE EXISTING HOSPITAL AT MONASTIR AS THE NUCLEUS FOR PROPOSED AMERICAN HOSPITAL PROJECT. A MAJOR BUILDING IS PLANNED AS AN EXTENSION TO THE HOSPITAL, AND ARCHITECTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN CHARGED WITH DRAWING UP PLANS FOR THIS EXTENSION. THEREFORE, CONTINUED MINISTER MZALI, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE THE PROJECT HOPE TEAM ON BOARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE SUGGESTED THEY COME SOMETIME AFTER NOV 3, DATE OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, I.E. DURING SECOND WEEK OF NOVEMBER.

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONTACT DR. WALSH AND INFORM HIM OF MINISTER MZALI'S INTEREST IN RECEIVING PROJECT HOPE GROUP MEDICAL ADVISORS, AS WELL AS CONTACTING AMBASSADOR HEDDA TO BRING HIM UP-TO-DATE.  
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